

Remarks

The Office Action dated June 7, 2004, and made final, has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1, 4-11, 13-33, and 35 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 4-11, and 13-34 stand rejected. Claims 2, 3, 12, and 34 have been cancelled.

The rejection of Claims 32 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is respectfully traversed. Claims 32 and 33 have been amended to address the issues noted in the Office Action. For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request that the Section 112 rejection of Claims 32 and 33 be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 1, 4-11, and 13-31 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-31 of U.S. Patent No. 6,350,124 is respectfully traversed. A terminal disclaimer limiting the term of the presently pending application to that of U.S. Patent No. 6,350,124 is enclosed herewith. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the obvious-type double patenting rejection of Claims 1, 4-11, and 13-31 be withdrawn at this time.

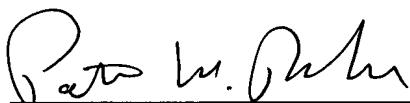
Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 35 (added in the March 8, 2004, Amendment) does not appear to have been examined. Applicant requests the Examiner to consider and examine Claim 35.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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